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### How the French Soldiers are Taken Care of.

Let our soldiers read the following from  
All the Year Round, in regard to French  
soldiers on the march—and "take care."  
The writer says:

"The precautions taken to prevent our  
taking cold, and to insure our comfort and  
health, I thought excessive. In the first  
place, if the weather were chilly, we were  
obliged to march in close order, for warmth.  
As the day grew warmer, the ranks were  
opened, so that we might not be incommoded  
by the dust and perspiration. As soon  
as we began to perspire, delirious sergeants,  
captains and lieutenants trotted about our  
columns, shouting to men to button up  
their coats, if they opened them, and dis-  
missing the quickness of our steps as we  
approached a halt; and woe to the parched  
soldier who dare touch water till he had  
received orders to do so.

"Eat bread! Eat a few mouthfuls of  
bread before you drink!" "Kiss your  
mouth well out before you drink a mouth-  
ful of water!" "Sit on your packs, and  
not on the ground!" "You, sir! two days  
saute de police for lying down in the shade!  
Up with you!"

"When we arrived at our destination,  
first duties over and soup eaten, the officers  
seemed possessed; they stormed and shout-  
ed at the sight of a particle of dust or mud  
on a shoe; they caused trousers to be  
turned up to see that there was no damp  
foot; doctors flew about inquiring after  
feet; captains grew red in the face in  
their anxiety to see everything orderly and  
comfortable. Before sunset, whether it  
was bivouac or village, the regiment was  
as quiet as a church. Next morning every-  
body awoke refreshed, and rather inclined  
for another march than otherwise."

### Sayings that are not Poor Richard's.

Man was created a little lower than the  
Angels, and he has been getting a little  
lower ever since.

You can tell just about what a man will  
do by hearing what he has said.

The most uneasy critter I ever pursued  
was a bob-tailed bull in fly time.

I am prepared to say to seven of the  
rich men out of every ten, "Make the  
most of your money, for your money makes  
the most of you."

A big soul makes a man look like an old  
fashioned tin lantern with a handle in it.

The meanest man that I ever knew was  
the one that stole a sugar whistle from a  
nigger baby, to sweeten a cup of iced coffee  
with.

When you have seen trouble, du as the  
dogs do when they get whipped; go in secret  
and lick your sores till they get well, and  
then look up another fight.

There is this difference between rusting  
out and wearing out; if you rust out, when  
you get fur you ain't worth a cent, but if you  
wear out, what's left of you is frustrate.

A man who will chaw tobacco will  
drink santy krus rum, and a man that will  
drink santy krus rum will go to the devil,  
and a man that will go to the devil is mean  
enough to do enny thing.

A RECKLESS GENERAL—Gen. Payne,  
of Illinois, commands a brigade in the  
Army of the Cumberland, composed of Il-  
linois and Ohio troops. A soldier of the  
79th Ohio sends to the Dayton Journal the  
following in reference to this officer:

"One day a wealthy lady, whose planta-  
tion was in the vicinity of the camp, came  
in and inquired for Gen. Payne. When  
the commander made his appearance, the  
old lady in warm language at once acquaint-  
ed him with the fact that his men had  
stolen her last coop full of chickens, and  
demanded their restitution or their value in  
currency.

"I am very sorry for you, madam," re-  
plied the General, "but I can't help it.  
The fact is, madam, we are determined to  
squell out the rebellion if it takes every  
d—d chicken in Tennessee!"

"This exhibition of utter recklessness  
means for the accomplishment of a purpose,  
which the old lady deemed most foul, tem-  
porarily deprived her of the power of  
speech, and she passed from the presence of  
the General without asserting her right to the  
last word."

The geological character of the rock on  
which drunkards split is said to be quartz.

## THE BATTLE OF CHICKAMAUGA.

A Thrilling Narrative of Events:  
THE COMBAT OF SUNDAY!

Correspondence of the Cincinnati Commercial.

Morning broke cold and dim. A rank  
fog obscured the camp-fires and transformed  
the flitting figures around them into gnomes.  
The rattling of wagons, the vehement rum-  
ble of caissons, and the low monotonous  
word of command, were heard in all direc-  
tions. A heavy white frost—the first, I  
believe, of the month—abode idly on the  
grass, as the glow of the muffled flames  
touched it redly.

The line of battle was fully established  
by seven o'clock. The divisions were not  
in the same order as they went into the  
fight on Saturday. Some had rallied, and  
in going back had deflected to the right or  
left, leaving gaps, which other divisions  
must close. I do not believe that any  
mortal man can give the order of each  
brigade, as it was left by the ebb of Saturday's  
battle. But during the night the divisions  
had gathered their stragglers but shattered  
regiments, and stood ready once more to  
test the powers of the foe.

Thomas still held the left, with Palmer's  
and Johnson's divisions attached to his  
corps and thrown in his centre. Brannan  
was retired slightly, his regiments arrayed  
in echelon. Van Cleve was placed on the  
left side of the first road, in the rear of the  
line, and held in reserve. Wood, Davis  
and Sheridan followed next, the latter hold-  
ing the extreme right. Gen. Lytle still  
held the position at Goodlin's Mills, altho'  
now dangerously isolated from the right.

Thus it will be seen that three-fourths  
of the army was concentrated on the left, with  
the view of holding that vital point. The  
right was much too weak, but it was a  
question between defeat and utter destruc-  
tion. We could afford to have our right  
shattered, but our left and centre must  
have all the troops it required, or the army  
was ruined—totally, irreparably lost.

Before the sun rose, I rode slowly thro'  
the trains towards Gen. Rosecrans' head-  
quarters. They had been established the  
day previous at a log house known as the  
residence of the widow Glenn. It was  
surrounded by corn-fields, and commanding  
a view slight enough of itself, but more ex-  
tensive than could be found in other places.

The battle-field was almost one vast  
forest. It was interspersed with fields and  
clearings, but it was seldom the troops held  
any position in open ground. When they  
were not drawn up in the forest they skirted  
the borders of a clearing. A charge  
across one of these must carry the opposite  
wood, or the column fall under cover in  
confusion. Nothing could live in these  
open fields on Saturday under the solid  
sheets of musket balls that tore across them,  
hour after hour.

Arriving at headquarters I found the  
staff servants rolling up the blankets, and  
the orderlies bridling their horses. Head-  
quarters, like the army itself, must go fur-  
ther to the left.

The widow Glenn's house had been se-  
lected the previous day because it was  
thought that it would be near the centre of  
the line of battle; but one day's battle had  
completely unmasked it, leaving it just on  
the verge of our extreme left. The day  
before it was far to the rear of the line;  
now it was surrounded by grim lines of  
troops, standing to arms, chattering with  
the penetrating cold of early morning, but  
grasping their guns firmly. A battery was  
driving through the garden and wheeling  
into position, and a moment after I saw it  
was Gen. Lytle's. His brigade soon  
marched up and took position near the  
house. This startled, while it relieved me.  
We could not then afford to let a brigade  
lay idle—at such an important ford as Gor-  
don's Mills. The enemy were at liberty to  
crash our right, and we were powerless to  
avert it. The only hope was that they  
would not attempt it—that they would mass  
everything on the right just as we had  
massed everything on the left wing.

Gen. Rosecrans shortly after emerged from  
the house. He was enveloped in a blue  
army overcoat, his pantaloons stuffed in his  
boots, and a light-brown felt hat, of uncer-  
tain shape, was drawn over his brow. A  
cigar—unlit—was held between his teeth,  
and his mouth was compressed as if he  
were sharply biting it. He stalked to a  
heap of embers where I was standing, and  
stood a moment silently by my side. An  
orderly brought a raw-boned, muscular,  
dapple-grey horse to him, and mounting it  
without a word, he rode down the road  
toward the lane, his staff clattering after  
him, and, understanding his mood, perhaps,  
as silent as himself.

I knew, and I had seen Rosecrans often  
and under widely different circumstances,  
that he was filled with apprehension for the  
issue of that day's fight. I recognized a  
change instantly, although I could hardly  
say in what it consisted. Rosecrans is  
usually brisk, nervous, powerful of pres-  
ence; and to see him silent, or absorbed in  
what looked very much like gloomy con-  
templation, filled me with indescribable dread.  
Remember this was for but an instant, and  
when the leader thought he was entirely  
unobserved. Rosecrans is too good a sol-  
dier to let his face reflect to his men either  
his hopes or forebodings.

An hour passed by and the battle had  
not been revived. The troops, weary of  
standing in expectant phalanx, reclined on

the ground, but where they could regain  
their places at a single bound.

Eight o'clock came, and the sun had  
lifted the fog and sent a grateful warmth to  
the long shivering lines of humanity. A  
few shots on the skirmishing line betrayed  
the fact that both armies were ready, and,  
apparently, both waiting for the other one  
to open the initial fire.

Nine o'clock, and even the pickets were  
quiet. I rode over to the left, and hearing  
no firing, I turned my horse's head directly  
towards the front. Here was Brannan's  
division, with its regiments retired one after  
another, as a sort of reserve. My heart  
sank again, as I looked upon the slender  
regiments. This was the first battle of  
that division. At first, when commanded  
by Gen. Thomas, three or four of its reg-  
iments distinguished themselves at Mill  
Springs, but after that they missed the  
great battles of Shiloh and Stone River.  
Saturday morning it mustered nearly eight  
thousand bayonets—nearly double the  
average strength of a division. The next day  
there were few regiments that mustered over  
two hundred men.

The day before it was almost a pistol  
shot from the colors to the flanks. Now, a  
child could easily have spanned the dis-  
tance with a pebble. Thrice had this divi-  
sion driven the enemy, and thrice had they  
been driven, and the slight, slight lines  
called a regiment, attested that they were  
veterans, though fighting their virgin bat-  
tle. There was the 11th Ohio, scarcely  
numbering two small companies, coolly  
waiting for the shock. Beside was an In-  
diana regiment, a year and a half younger  
in the service, but, alas! as stunted of men  
as its battle-battered companion.

Moving forward to our foremost line of  
battle, I struck upon Palmer's division,  
holding a slight hill, on the crest of which  
had erected a little palisade of logs and  
rails. Over this a dozen cannon were  
peering, and the men stood in lengthened  
groups listening to the straggling skirmish  
fire which had broken out. The 2d Ken-  
tucky was there, and while I was shaking  
hands with old friends, the firing swelled  
up until the crack of a hundred rifles start-  
led the ear. The soldiers sprang to their  
palisade without a word, and rested their  
guns calmly across it. Old soldiers and  
true soldiers, they needed no command to  
warn them to their posts.

Returning to the rear, I passed many of  
the dead of both armies. Here I stopped  
my horse to gaze on the face of a sweet boy  
in rebel uniform, who had been shot thro'  
the heart. I never saw a lovelier smile than  
that which death had imprinted upon his  
face. His eyes, moist and blue as in life,  
were wide open and expressed an excited  
joy, if ever I saw it in human face. His  
lips were parted by a smile. I have seen  
pleasure on the faces of the slain before,  
but never anything that was so unequivocally  
happy. The dead body could not  
have been more than fifteen. He was en-  
veloped, rather than dressed, in a loose  
grey uniform, as neatly kept as it was  
clumsy. His loose stocking had fallen  
around his worn shoes, revealing a white  
and slender leg. What mother was robbed  
of her tender child when this poor boy  
fell?

Not far off reclined a German Federal  
artilleryman, with a patriarchal beard and  
a face as composed in death as if modeled  
after Socrates' own. He had bled to death  
from a wound in the neck, and his features  
were the placid look of all who die from  
that cause. One arm was thrown under  
his head—the other hung loosely by his  
side. His fingers almost clasped a delicate  
mimosa that ran near, but its fragile leaves  
had opened with the morning. An infant's  
breath would shut up its tender foliage—it  
would almost shrink together from the  
touch of the wild bee's foot—but its stem  
twined between the dead soldier's fingers  
with leaves as open and blooming as if it  
loved the cold earth.

Turning again to the rear, I passed into  
a hospital. Here I found a number of the  
Woodward boys, one of the first companies  
to leave this city. It had taken twenty-  
eight men into Saturday's fight, of that  
number two were killed and eleven wound-  
ed. There was little Jesse DeBech, who  
was once discharged from the service as a  
minor, against his will, ran off from home  
when his company went to  
Western Virginia, and re-enlisted. He lay  
shot in three places—leg, right arm, and  
a hideous wound through his mouth. He  
extended his right hand to me with an  
apology for not giving me his shatter left  
—the little hero. "I'm nearly shot to  
pieces, ain't I?" he said, as well as he  
could utter the words through his torn  
palate and jaw, but not a word of complaint,  
not a sigh of pain or discomfort would he  
utter.

Sorrowfully I turned from the place and  
next found myself where Van Cleve was  
stationed as a reserve. Here was Sam  
Beatty, with what he brought out of his  
brilliant charge the day before—three hun-  
dred men were all that were left of fourteen  
hundred—four regiments in all, averaging  
less than one hundred men each. These  
figures I took from his morning report, and  
if I felt alarmed at the smallness of the bat-  
talions before, the infallible logic of figures  
did not re-assure me.

A quarter to ten. I rode over a corn-  
field in the rear of the lines, and threw a  
few ears of corn to my horse—a lean, stub-  
born colt—stubborn through lack of bridle

knowledge, rather than an inherent vice.  
A funny animal was that colt. Indeed,  
army correspondents seem to get an ecen-  
tric boast through some fatality. My colt  
had a very confident way of selecting a tree  
at any stage of a journey, and sliding up to  
it to be tied, and it required all the pointed  
eloquence of my heels to stir him. But he  
was green, rather than vicious, for he would  
take my companion's cluck as soon as my  
own, and increase his exit accordingly.

While he was munching his corn, a sharp  
skirmish broke out on the left; a battery  
followed with four rapid discharges; the  
musket fire rekindled, and in a moment  
there was a crash—a heavy volley of mus-  
ketry—such a one as no line of skirmishers  
ever fired. I saw by my watch, that it  
lacked five minutes of ten.

The enemy opened a battery, and a grape-  
shot wide of its destination, struck within a  
few feet of me and glanced off up the hill.  
I try a knob further along but an occasional  
misfire whistles by vehemently. It seemed  
as if there was no place within sight of the  
battle field that was absolutely safe.

The thunder of battle deepened, and for  
an hour there was no pause. The musketry  
was furious, drowning the thundering  
throb of a half dozen of our batteries  
in fierce action. For two miles I could see  
the gray blue smoke rise from the trees,  
tuffed here and there by whirling spheres  
of vapor, as they were vomited from the hot  
and cavernous artillery.

There came a rift of stragglers to the  
rear—negroes leading officers' horses,  
wounded men, and some, I thought, only  
feigning to be wounded. They drifted  
slowly up the hill where I stood, their pace  
accelerated occasionally by the chance va-  
grant minis. These are the legitimate  
refuge of a fight, I thought. Every battle  
is the same thing—and I was thankful that  
there was no more of them. The stream  
stopped, but the battle grew more and more  
noisily terrible.

Suddenly a frightful cheer broke out  
along our entire left. Not a round, manly  
cheer—but a frantic, prolonged yell, pitched  
almost to a childish treble. It grew plainer  
and plainer, and I felt that the enemy was  
making the grand charge for which he had  
been gathering himself during the morning.  
I could see the smoke from fresh batteries  
arise; I could tell that every musket in  
more than half our army was unflinchingly  
engaged in belching death's flame into the  
very faces of the surging foe. How anx-  
iously I watched those forests, from which,  
if overpowered, our forces must issue in  
confusion. Thank God not a man came  
out. The wild cheer, often vied with the  
clangor of battle, for ten minutes—an eter-  
nity it seemed to my ears—dwindled away,  
then gushed out again further off. At  
last it died out slowly, prolonged shrilly  
towards the end, as if some Winkleried  
refused to follow his flying comrades, and  
was defying death in the shower of iron  
that seemed to rip and to shiver every atom  
of space save that where he was standing.

The terrific charge on the left had failed,  
but the thunder did not slacken. There  
were times when the elastic air and the  
impulsive earth seemed to throb with the  
pulse of battle. At twelve o'clock the  
ering extended towards the right. We  
opened fresh batteries, and all, save Davis  
and Sheridan, were fighting. The terrific  
force of the firing at this time cannot be  
described. It brought the hearts of those  
who were listening, in the rear, to their  
mouths. A dozen awful claps of thunder,  
at the same instant, might have been heard  
above the din of that fearful noon, but it  
would hardly have sensibly increased the  
crushing volume of sound.

Brannan, Baird, Negley, Reynolds, John-  
son and Palmer were engaged in deadly  
conflict. They had repulsed the great  
charge of the day, but at heavy cost. The  
enemy had plenty of reserves, and massed  
them on the left. He pushed his lines  
forward, and the weakness of our brave  
right was beginning to show.

At the end of one short hour Van Cleve  
was no longer in reserve. He was fighting  
with Thomas for the left—that terrible  
glutinous left. Wood, too, had been  
shown in that direction, under a heavy  
fire, that cost him heavily; but he cannot  
stop to answer. He pushes forward and  
faces the front, and his men at last return-  
ed shot for shot.

At one o'clock the roar of battle had not  
abated in the least. Another stream of  
stragglers breaks to the rear, heavier than  
the first one. Again I try to convince my-  
self that this is all legitimate. Men with  
guns pour out, and I cannot see that they  
are hurt. Four caissons trot out briskly  
and take up the hillside obliquely, hurried-  
ly, it is true, but not panic stricken.  
I gallop over and ask the name of the battery.  
"One of Johnson's" is the reply, "and  
this is all that is left of it."

Once more the stream abated. A thou-  
sand men had left the field. "A brigade  
whipped only," I argued, "no occasion for  
alarm." The firing sounded nearer, but  
not much. Two o'clock came, and it neared  
alarmingly. Shortly after, for a third time  
they came in great waves, some taking the  
nearest road toward Chattanooga, many  
crossing the hills to strike other roads. A  
Colonel rode out, followed by forty or fifty  
men, and took his way down the road lei-  
suredly. The streams poured out, disorga-  
nized, but not apparently alarmed. A mo-  
ment more and they seemed to issue by  
brigades. Great God! was this noble

army—the flower of the Yankee service, as  
its enemies have termed it—to blot history  
with another Bull Run?

The caissons of two more entire batteries  
were mingling with the retreating army.  
Down the road the mass pushed, horses and  
men filing it, and struggling through the  
open forests on either side. I looked back  
and still great waves of men came out, de-  
feated and disorganized. There was no  
panic and but little visible hurry, in this  
broken mass of men. As the line pushed  
on toward Chattanooga, the trains that had  
been packed along the roadside at different  
points poured into the throng, and took the  
same direction. Not another Bull Run,  
after all, I thought, for even the teamsters  
are collected.

For an instant, however, there was a  
panic. A shrill shout came up from be-  
hind, and the stragglers scattered from the  
road, thinking that the enemy's cavalry was  
upon them. The next moment their alarm  
was quieted. A deer, which had been  
hunted from its fastness by these two great  
searching armies, bounded down the road,  
and, darting through the disconcerted teams,  
dashed up the hill, while a thousand and  
counting stragglers caught vainly at his  
feet limbs.

The "rout" again became leisurely. I  
learned that after the withdrawal of Wood  
from the centre, Davis and Sheridan were  
necessarily called upon to fill the gap. Davis  
moved rapidly to the left, but after get-  
ting his position he could not alone breast  
the storm. The enemy began to perceive  
why he could not pierce our left, and massed  
his reserves on our right. Sheridan,  
whose division, like himself, is unfalteringly  
brave and hopeful, was compelled to aban-  
don his strong position of the morning, and  
move by the flank on the double quick  
toward the left. He found Wood and  
Davis falling to pieces rapidly. His own  
men were falling thick—shot down while  
they were marching. He ordered his 2d  
brigade, Colonel Seibold, to deploy at the  
rear and charge. The veterans make the  
charge nobly, but before they can reach  
the foe, a brigade of Davis is enfiladed, and  
the men, able to escape only to the right,  
overrun the charging column and tear it to  
pieces.

General Lytle had barely fronted his  
brigade when he was struck by a bullet in  
the head. His third battle and his third  
wound. Struck at Carnifex ferry and greivously  
hurt at Perryville, on both occasions  
he had requested those around him to  
leave him, exclaiming that he was mortally  
hurt. Falling into the arms of one of his  
volunteer aids, he again begged to be aban-  
doned. Not until the enemy had almost  
closed around him, did the aid obey his  
desire, and then the General was apparently  
dead. Heaven grant that, as at Perryville,  
he may survive to the country. His bri-  
gade, their leader lost and without support  
on the right, fell back with the rest of  
Sheridan's division, fighting the while.

This was the story I gathered from some  
of Davis' retreating men. But I could find  
none of Sheridan's. "The rebels cut our  
army in two, and Sheridan, isolated on the  
right, is captured bodily," was the only  
intelligence I could get concerning him.  
Gloomy enough! I never felt more certain  
of anything in my life than that Rosecrans'  
army was utterly lost. I could not under-  
stand why the firing on the left was unabated,  
any more than I could understand why  
this vast column of retreating men was  
unmolested.

A rumor came back to several of Rose-  
crans' staff that he had last been seen lead-  
ing a charge. He was either missing or  
dead. I heard it, and thought involuntarily  
of the Libby prison.

Rosecrans, with some of his staff, had  
thrown himself under fire, and endeavored  
to rally the ranks that had been shattered  
by the seemingly fatal attack on the left;  
but his heroic appeals were disregarded.  
Mortal courage could not have rallied the  
men on that field. Their ranks torn to  
pieces, their flanks pained at pleasure by  
the cunning enemy, they fled, but they  
fled as brave soldiers flee—without panic.

Reaching Missionary Ridge, six miles  
from Chattanooga, I found a line of infan-  
try and cavalry drawn across the Ridge, to  
stop the retreating column. The men  
stopped without a word. No longer sub-  
jected to a hellish fire, they could reform at  
last, and they fell into line again, not only  
with alacrity but with an appearance of re-  
lief.

Meantime the fighting still progressed on  
the left. The right of Thomas' line was  
ragged and uncertain, and the enemy were  
soon enveloping it. Thomas, finding his  
right doubling back upon him, fell back  
just as soon as his troops began to show  
signs of confusion. Taking a position on  
a strong ridge, he rallied and inspired his  
lines, and rode up and down them with a  
drawn sword. When Gen. Thomas flour-  
ished his sword, the danger must be great,  
for, modest and unaffected as a child, his  
courage is of that high moral order that  
shrinks from display. He fights from  
principle, quietly, stubbornly, inflexibly,  
and he expects no less of his troops.

I shall not attempt to say who remained  
with Thomas throughout that day. I shall  
mention some, however, who should have  
done so. The masses of men who drifted  
back towards Chattanooga, included hun-  
dreds from every division in the army, save  
Sheridan's, who had been completely cut  
off. There were hundreds of every divi-

sion in the army who were with Thomas,  
and fought with him gallantly all that bit-  
ter day, although their own corps command-  
ers were among the few armed men who  
passed the rallying line on Missionary  
ridge, and made their way to Chattanooga.  
The whole army had fought well. Over-  
powered in numbers, it had been partially  
crushed, but its spirit was indomitable. It  
would be rank injustice for me to single out  
the generals or the divisions that remained  
with Thomas, for others were gathering to-  
gether their broken lines and Sheridan, the  
gallant "little corporal" of the army, was  
heard from before the next morning glori-  
ously enough.

Not knowing that Thomas still showed a  
bold front, although I heard the constant  
rattle of artillery towards his position,  
which I thought was from the guns of the  
slowly pursuing enemy, I passed on to  
Chattanooga, my belief that the army was  
totally lost not lessened by seeing Major  
General McCook and Major General Crit-  
tenden in town without commands. I  
expected to see the whole army streaming  
into Chattanooga at their heels, but beyond  
a long line of wounded soldiers slowly hob-  
bling along the road, and perhaps a thou-  
sand stragglers who gradually found their  
way into the place, the signs of a retreating  
army lessened, until the road was unob-  
scured by wagon trains, trotting calmly into  
town, on several roads, and thence across  
the Tennessee as rapidly as they could  
move over the pontoons.

At five o'clock, a courier arrived from  
Gen. Thomas, and reported that he was  
driving the enemy again. Reinforced by  
Gen. Gordon Granger, he had turned upon  
the enemy, who was himself beginning to  
exhibit signs of gogginess. I felt a thrill  
of joy at this wholly unexpected announce-  
ment. I had thought the destruction of  
the army inevitable—Thomas, at least, en-  
tertained a different opinion. He had taken  
a position on Missionary Ridge, where  
he still covered all ingress to Chattanooga.  
What was left of the 10,000 fighting men  
in his corps were with him, and remnants  
of other divisions formed on his right.  
The position was a strong one, and the  
enemy in vain attempted to carry it. Their  
efforts were much feeble than in the morn-  
ing, though there was still danger in them.

From that time Thomas, glorious Thom-  
as, baffled them at every point; charge after  
charge he rolled off with his troops re-  
spirited by Granger's timely brigades. As  
the efforts of the enemy grew feeble, he  
threw forward several brigades and drove  
him back almost beyond his old position,  
regaining one of his most important hospi-  
tals.

I firmly believe that the sudden giving  
way of the right divisions insured the sal-  
vation of the army. The right had been  
denuded of troops to reinforce the left.  
The brave divisions that remained endeav-  
ored to close up the gaps on the double-  
quick, but many, as I have already said,  
were shot down on the march. Cut up  
piece-meal, by the artful massing of the  
rebels on their own left, they must either  
have been surrounded or have given way as  
they did, precipitately.

There is every reason to believe that the  
sudden disappearance of these two divisions  
threw the enemy into equal disorder.—  
Some of his attacking brigades were oppo-  
sed and driven away in confusion; others  
advanced slowly through forests, expending  
their ammunition on the vacant air. At  
sunset on Sunday night, Bragg's lines must  
have been as curiously disposed as our own.

### JOSE MILLINGS IN THE EDITORIAL CHAIR.

Having an hour or two yesterday,  
that went spoke for, I dropped into the sonktonomy  
of "The Daily Pokesman." The good-  
looking editor of the consarn was both  
"non est on handibus," and I sunk into  
the con cheer, just as kamlly as a moss kivered  
bucket sinks into a well on a hot day.  
On the tabil before me la a pile of man-  
skrip, and i ced to misef "go in Josh and  
repli."

### TO CONTRIBUTORS.

"Lines to a sleeping infant, Bi Alice,"  
received. Tha ar tender, dreful tender,  
almost to tender, to keep thru this hot spaly  
yu hav talons of the highest order, but yu  
must kross yure t's or yu kant sneaked in  
in potri; good Bi Alice!

When this yu see,  
Remember me  
Yure friend Josh B.  
Eunalee.

"Reverie or a Bachelor." Anonymous.  
Received and kountents noted. Tha is only  
one trouble with this production, which  
time will korret, and that is, "it wont da  
at all for our columns," respectfully declined,  
(on the part of the editors, by J. B.) on  
account of its length and thickness.

"A Prairie on fire," Bi Diogenes. Re-  
jected at onst. Ta hot for the sepos—cool  
articles take the best now. It made me  
sweat to read the manuscript. Don't despair  
Diogenes, if yu find literature sint yure  
stile, try sawing wood; iye known hundreds  
of men make a dust sawing wood, who want  
worth a oase to rite for the newspaper.

"Wait a little longer," Bi Eugene. This  
potri wants greasing. Tha slat nothing  
so easy to rite as pottri, if yu know how.  
Our advice to this author is to take pills,  
and if that don't release him or his pottri,  
he kant konclude he has got the pottri dis-  
ease the usual wa, and is liable to brake  
out at anytime.

Colossal smash—the break of day.